



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS AIR MOBILITY COMMAND**

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**The Honorable Claire McCaskill
United States Senate
Washington DC 20510-2505**

Dear Senator McCaskill

Thank you for your September 29, 2016 letter concerning the C-130H Weapons Instructor Course (WIC) and Advanced Airlift Tactics Training Center (AATTC) located on Rosecrans Air National Guard Base in St. Joseph, Missouri. I want to start by letting you know how proud we are to have the 139th Airlift Wing, with all of its rich history, as part of our airlift community. These courses add an important combat capability to our Total Air Force and I greatly appreciate your interest in their funding.

As you are aware, recent fiscal challenges have forced all Department of Defense agencies to make tough choices. At Air Mobility Command (AMC), we are constantly balancing modernization and readiness. Although we have programmatically resourced some manpower to support the WIC, in this tough fiscal environment, we have not had the resources to provide full programmatic funding for these courses. However, we recognize that the C-130H WIC is a core requirement, and that AATTC adds value to our mobility forces, so we are actively pursuing solutions to these challenges.

In fact, this month I am sponsoring a Total Force team of senior leaders from the National Guard Bureau, Air Force Reserve Command, and AMC on a visit to St. Joseph, Missouri to assess both WIC and AATTC manpower, funding, infrastructure, and airframe requirements for the near term and future years. We intend to develop an enduring funding construct for this Total Force training in future Presidential Budget submissions.

Thank you for your continued support of the 139th Airlift Wing, the Airmen and their families. My staff is in close contact with the National Guard Bureau and Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command and will remain available for further assistance with this matter.

Sincerely


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